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Fighting has increased north of Saigon, according to press reports, and scattered clashes are continuing in the central highlands near the overrun Ranger fire support base southwest of Pleiku City.

In the highlands, North Vietnamese forces reportedly have taken heavy losses and will probably soon withdraw. The commander of Military Region 2, Lt. General Toan, believes that the attacks in Pleiku may be a diversion for more heavy fighting in Kontum. As soon as the situation stabilizes in Pleiku, Toan plans to go ahead with the postponed strike into a Communist base area between Kontum City and Dak To. On the Communist side, the anticipated arrival of the

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29th Regiment of the North Vietnamese 324B Division in the highlands will substantially augment their forces there.

There have been numerous indications recently that Communist attacks similar to those in Military Regions 2 and 3 are imminent in the southern portion of Military Region 1.